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## SPAIN'S QUEEN REGENT CABLES TO THE JOURNAL.

Maria Christina Calls the Barcelona Affair an "Insignificant Act." But She Adds "The Sentiment of Disgust in Spain Is Exceedingly Deep-Seated."

And Asserts That Spain Is Waging War on the Island as Humanely as It Has Ever Been Conducted by Any Nation in Either England or America.

Translation.

MADRID, MARCH 2.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
TO HEARST, EDITOR JOURNAL, NEW YORK:

The Constitution of Spain provides that the Sovereign shall not intervene in politics except through the responsible Ministers.

Under the circumstances Her Majesty, the Queen Regent, has ordered that I, being the chief of the Government, shall make answer to the dispatch of the editor of the New York Journal.

Nothing has transpired in Madrid against the United States, for those who took part in the demonstrations did not in any manner pass through the doors of the two buildings over which the flag of the United States floats, nor did they utter other cries than that of "Viva Spain!"

The American Consulate in Barcelona is under military guard.

It is not known from whence the stone which broke a window was thrown—an insignificant act.

Yet it would be impossible to deny that the sentiment of disgust in Spain to-day is unanimous and exceedingly deep-seated, as indeed it has not been felt since the beginning of the century.

It is based on the proposal to recognize the belligerency of a few insurrectionists, who do not fixedly possess a single foot of the ample territory of the island of Cuba; nor have other communication with the sea than deserted shores, where, during the night, they disembark their contraband articles; nor dare to attack any town of importance; nor accept formal battle; nor do anything more than fire estates and burn small settlements and assassinate Spaniards.

Joined to the disgust which this proposition has excited is that of seeing the truth so notoriously disowned, as was shown in recent debates.

Nothing is easier to prove than that the Spanish army scrupulously respects the rights of the wounded and of prisoners, and conducts war as humanely as war has ever been conducted in America or Europe.

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La constitucion española impone al monarca la obligacion de no intervenir en la politica sino bajo la responsabilidad y la firma de sus ministros responsables en tal concepto si la reina regente ha dispuesto que

Sea el Jefe del gobierno, el que conteste al telegrama del director del New York Journal nada ha habido en Madrid contra los Estados Unidos porque los manifestantes no pasaron si quiera por las puertas de las dos casas donde se ostenta su bandera ni si dieron otros gritos que

Los de Viva España en Barcelona estando custodiando militarmente el Consulado americano no se sabe desde donde se tiro una piedra que rompio un cristal hecho a juicio de todos insignificante pero seria imposible negar que el sentimiento de disgusto en España es hoy unanime y



MARIA CHRISTINA, QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN.

(From her latest photograph.)

profundísimo tal como no se ha experimentado desde principios de siglo fundase no solo en el proyecto de reconocer la beligerancia de unos insurrectos que no poseen fijamente un solo pie del amplio territorio de la Isla de Cuba. Mi tienen mas comunicacion con

El mar que las playas desiertas donde durante la noche desembarcan sus contrabandos ni osan atacar ninguna poblacion importante ni aceptan batallas formales ni hacen mas que incendiar propiedades quemar pequenos poblados y asesinar peninsulares al disgusto que esto procura se junta el de ver

Desconocida la verdad como se ha dotado en debates recientes porque nada hay tan facil de probar como que el ejército español respeta escrupulosamente a los heridos y prisioneros y hace la guerra tan humanitariamente como se haya hecho jamas en America o Europa

## SPANISH CITIES STILL EXCITED.

Barcelona Students Parade Shouting "Death to Uncle Sam!"

All Steamship Companies Commanded to Report Complete Lists of Their Vessels.

Ostensible Preparations to Head Off Filibusters on Cuba's Northern Coast

ANOTHER BARCELONA EMEUTE.

University Students Get Up a Mob Which Salutes the Streets Under a Banner Marked "Death to Uncle Sam!" Weyler's Sanguine Dispatch.

Madrid, March 2.—Bolsterous expressions and intense excitement continue, especially in the larger cities. The people are not yet thoroughly controlled, as was shown at Barcelona during the day. Students assembled in the precincts near the university and sallied the streets under a great banner bearing the inscription, "Death to Uncle Sam!" thus repeating the same form of expression of Sunday's demonstration, which consisted of promenading noisy groups, which gathered strength from street to street, until finally the gendarmes in large force, acting under telegraphic orders from Madrid, dispersed the mob. Its members retreated on the tops of omnibuses. These vehicles were made to pass the American Consulate a number of times, and each time they came to the building the students whistled and groaned.

The Consulate is strongly guarded, and the United States Consul expressed to the Mayor his complete satisfaction with the measures taken yesterday, and to-day he made no complaint to the authorities.

Activity of the Marine. The greatest and most notable activity in Spain to-day has been that connected with the office of the Ministry of Marine.

Every Spanish steamship company, freight and passenger, has been rigidly and urgently commanded to send the Government lists of all vessels that can be converted into cruisers and fighting ships of various classes.

It has already been decided that six passenger liners of the transatlantic companies shall be put in the Government service, and that the work of arming them shall proceed at once. The splendid Alfonso XII. was built by Wigham, Richardson & Co., at Newcastle, England, but the majority have been built in the Clyde yards. Their tonnage averages five thousand; they are of modern construction and equipped throughout with electric lights, have steel screws and four masts.

These vessels would not compare in speed with the Paris or the Campania, but they could overhaul such vessels as those of the White Star Line, or they could escape any battleship.

These are, it is declared, ordered to keep watch over the northern coast of Cuba, the idea being that American filibusters will try to work their way to Cuba from the Bahamas. You may therefore look in America for a present strengthening of the British naval force, as Spain will expect Great Britain to do her utmost to prevent filibustering in her possessions.

Protecting Americans. The authorities continue their pressure to prevent anti-American demonstrations, though numberless telegrams are showering into the Government offices, chiefly from the large commercial centres throughout all the provinces, protesting against the action of the United States Senate, and urging the Government to take energetic action and to guard its interests in Cuba. These telegrams report orderly but strong patriotic meetings all over the country. At these meetings it is evinced that the many political parties of Spain are becoming united on the altar of a common love of their country.

At Barcelona the captains of the merchant ships called a mass meeting to-day, at which it was decided to equip vessels to wage war against the United States, in the alternative that war is declared. Several provincial corporations have formally guaranteed to defray the costs of equipping the vessels in the event of hostilities.

The agitation in the Stock Exchange of this city has markedly increased to-day, as is shown in the general decline of foreign and home bonds. A still heavier decline is noticed in the Bank of Spain stock, Cuban debentures and Cuban railway shares; yet there is no tendency of a panic observable; in fact, in well-informed and intelligent circles there appears a growing confidence in the preservation of friendly relations with the United States.

General Weyler telegraphs from Havana that there need be no great apprehension of serious consequences should the States grant the rebels belligerent rights. He will still be able to cope with the insurgents, and also with the filibusters. He is positively certain of quelling the rebellion.

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